

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1921.

TO THE
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
DRAYTON.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report upon the health of your District for the year ending 31st December, 1921.

The Minister of Health has ordered the revision of the particulars to be included in the Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health, and the form of stating them. The Report for 1921 is accordingly shorter and more concise than usual, and consists chiefly of statistics.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

A. MACQUEEN.

6th September, 1922.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres), 50,170.

Population (1921), 7,140.

Number of inhabited houses (1921), 1,739

Number of families or separate occupiers (1921), 1,699.

Rateable value, £96,809.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £277.

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL
STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Marriages: Total 47. Marriage rate, 6.58.

Births—

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate ...	74	79	153
Illegitimate ...	4	7	11
Birth Rate (R.G.)	23.		
Deaths ...	43	36	79
Death Rate (R.G.),	11.		

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth: From sepsis, 0; from other causes, 1.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1000 births: Legitimate, 54.8; Illegitimate, 0; total, 54.8.

Deaths from—

Measles (all ages) ...	0
Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	0
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	0

3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING
THE YEAR.

Disease.	Cases admitted		
	Total cases notified	to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria ...	7	4	0
Scarlet fever ...	6	4	0
Enteric (including Paratyphoid) ...	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever ...	0	0	0
Pneumonia ...	5	0	2
Erysipelas ...	1	0	0

Tuberculosis :

(a) Pulmonary—

Male	4	1	2
Female	4	2	2

(b) Non-Pulmonary

Male	4	0	1
Female	0	0	0	0

Ophthalmia neon-
atorum

...	...	3	0	0
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SMALLPOX.—VACCINATION IN 1921

Of the 164 children born and registered 98 were successfully vaccinated, eight died unvaccinated, two were removed from the district, the vaccination of two was postponed by medical certificate, and 54 remain unvaccinated, because their parents had conscientious objections to vaccination and made statutory declarations to that effect.

4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

Influenza was the cause of several deaths from pneumonia at the beginning of the year. The following Schools were closed:—

Childs Ercall, from 11th January to February 25th, on account of Whooping Cough.

Cheswardine, from 19th January to February 18th, on account of Whooping Cough.

Childs Ercall, from 4th July to July 15th, on account of diphtheria.

Norton-in-Hales, from 19th July to July 29th, on account of Chicken Pox.

Moreton Say, from 12th October to November 4th, on account of Measles.

5. SUMMARY (FOR REFERENCE) OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Professional Nursing in the Home:—
 (a) General: District Nurses are provided for all the parishes of the District by local branches of the Shropshire Nursing Federation, and supported by voluntary subscriptions and contributions. The Nurses are trained by the Shropshire Nursing Association and are available as midwives and for general nursing. (b) For infectious diseases: Special Nurses are provided by the County Council for cases of ophthalmia neonatorum and in outbreaks of measles.

Health Visitors and Midwives.—These are under control of the County Council as the public Health Authority for the County

Hospitals.—An Isolation Hospital for Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever situate at Little Drayton is available for and supported by the three Districts — Market Drayton Urban, and Drayton and Blore Heath Rural. The Hospital contains four wards with sixteen beds. An ambulance for infectious cases is stationed at the hospital.

6. LABORATORY WORK.

Bacteriological examinations in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, and Enteric Fever are made at Birmingham University, by arrangement with the County Council. Diphtheria anti-toxin has been used in all cases of Diphtheria since January, 1899, and the Council defrays the cost of the anti-toxin and of its injection.

7. SANITARY ADMINISTRATION IN 1921.

Number of houses inspected either in connection with outbreaks of infectious disease, or in consequence of complaints, or in the course of a systematic sanitary survey	285
Number of legal notices sent ...	3
Number of informal notices sent	29
Number of such notices complied with	24
Particulars of sanitary matters referred to in above Notices :—	
(a) Houses to be disinfected after infectious disease	20
(b) Deficient or objectionable water supply	10
(c) New drains to be constructed or old drains amended	16
(d) New closets to be provided or old ones amended in construction ...	2
(e) Houses damp or dirty, or admitting rain, or weather, or otherwise in a bad sanitary condition	4
(f) Offensive accumulations of all kinds	3
(g) Animals so kept as to be a nuisance	3
(h) Houses overcrowded	4
Houses disinfected after infectious disease (other than phthisis) ...	16
Houses disinfected in cases of phthisis	4
Plans for new houses passed	6
Certificates issued for water supply to new houses	3

INSPECTION OF DAIRIES, COW- SHEDS, AND MILK SHOPS IN 1921.

Number of Cow-keepers and Milk Sellers on register	76
Number of premises :	
Cowsheds	74
Dairies	2
Number of Inspections	81
Defects found in cowsheds—	
(a) Ventilation	1
(b) Lighting	3
(c) Structure of floor	2
(d) Drainage	5
(e) Cleanliness	6
Number of Notices (verbal and written)	18
Number of these Notices complied with	18

8. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health ;
Sanitary Inspector ;
One Man (part time).

9. HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during
the year :—

(a) Total	24
(b) As part of Council scheme ...	19

1. Unfit Dwelling Houses :—

Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects	54
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and re- corded under the Housing (In- spection of the District) Regula- tions, 1910	54
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so danger- ous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	4

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	27
2. Remedy of Defects without service of Formal Notices—	
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	27
3. Action under Statutory Powers—	
(a) Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc. Act, 1919:	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	3
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit (a) by Owners	3
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts	0
(c) Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909 (closing Orders and Demolition Orders)	0

